

march doing their cooking and dressing their wounds after the battle. It is a strange chaotic muddle of broken precedent that has been precipitated in this country by the wanton spilling of blood.

Mexican women have always been enslaved by conventionalities. Their lives were spent largely at home. They are excellent cooks and take great pride in preserving the recipes handed down by their mothers. Their social life, apart from their husbands, consists chiefly in formal calls.

When not in a convent or a girls' school the Mexican senorita sews and embroiders, dreaming always of the time when she will have a lover. When she sees a youth haunting her window she puts on her most beautiful dress, powders her hair and pins a flower in her hair and stands by the window pretending not to see her suitor.

This is a true Mexican courtship. If the young man is accepted by the father, then the girl, guarded always by a servant or sister, prepares the trousseau—for which the prospective bridegroom pays.

By virtue of custom it is quite impossible for girls of the rich class to work. The women of the poorer class, however, may gain their livelihood as stenographers, saleswomen, seamstresses, nurses, washerwomen or servants. They are paid poorly and work from 10 to 12 hours a day.

Will the war that is now ravaging the country forever break down these customs?

In a New York city drug store is a hen which is making its home near the soda fountain, and lays its eggs regularly for the patrons. The freshness of the eggs used there is never questioned.

The longest tunnel on this side of the Atlantic has been started by the Canadian Pacific Railway, at Mt. McDonald, Canada. It will be a little over five miles long.

REPORT INDICATES BOARD OF EDUCATION GOT SKINNED

The Board of Education was hornswoggled out of \$7,000 in school site deals, according to the report of the investigation committee laid before it last night.

The Chicago Title and Trust Co. had a hand in the hornswoggling. The company made an "error" in noting on its opinions to A. R. Shannon, attorney for the board, that there were unpaid special assessments. This "error" misled Shannon and the board to pay \$3,500 more than necessary if the Chicago Title and Trust Co. had not made the mistake.

"False statements of Joseph and J. M. Weisskopf and A. Ball beat the board out of \$3,500 and these three persons or else the Chicago Title and Trust Co. should pay back \$7,000," says the report.

The report whitewashes all board members, employees and attorneys. They didn't slip any inside information to the outside, says the report. There was, however, a combination or syndicate that landed inside information and bought up land the board was after and then sold it to the board for more than market value.

Congressman A. J. Sabath is slammed by insinuation as the attorney for those who committed the fraud. Ald. Si Mayer and Joseph Holpuch, the contractor who is to build part of the city hospital for contagious diseases, defended Sabath. They said the report hints at things not proved. They argued that it is no crime to sell land at a higher price than it was bought at.

No more secrecy as to where the board will buy land is recommended.

A scientist has discovered, or says he has, that a man's brain becomes smaller as he grows older. Just think what a one-cylinder affair Methuselah had to get along with in his declining years!